



WEMBLEY TAEKWON-DO CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE



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1996



Christmas Message

This is the seventh year of Wembley TKD and it started off with Black belt promotions of myself to 5th degree and later on to Stuart Anslow & John O'Conner to 2nd degree.

The club also saw the students training paying off by achieving excellent results in the British Championships.

On a sad note, the club has had few new members & many old members have stopped training.

I would like to give my personal thanks to Stuart, John & Derrick for the help they have given me in running the club.

I hope that you all have a happy Christmas & a properous new year and keep up the hard training in 1997.

- Dave



I heard It On The Grapevine

Rumour has it that 1997 might see the dawn of a brand new Championship. This tournament will cater specifically for London based clubs and be called none other than 'The London Championships'.

As well as the London Championships, rumour has it that the 'Coloured Belt Team Championship' may under go a change in 97' with the introduction of a Black Belt division, consisting of teams of either 3 or 5 Black Belts (from the same club).

Although Wembley do there fair share of grappling techniques they have never actually been part of the B.U.T.F. grading syllabus. All that is to change in 97' as grappling & escape techniques become part of the Black Belt grading syllabus. The format is being decided now, with the 1st degree techniques all ready completed.

Another rumour for 97' is that there could well be an extra training day each week if we play our cards right, so hopefully 1997 will see alot more commitment towards training so all can benefit from this. Finally I hear that Mr Bryan may well be competing at Margate next year. You heard it here first.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE - MR DAVID BRYAN

AGE: Increasing by the day

GRADE: 5th Degree

YEARS TRAINING: To many to remember (20+)

INSTRUCTORS: Mr De Silver, Mr R Choy, Mr Roger Coo & Ms Au

LIKES: Technical fighters & technical ability

DISLIKES: Disrespect & poor manners.

FAVORITE KICK: Downward turning kick

FAVORITE PATTERN: Moon Moo

FAVORITE DESTRUCTION: Jumping back kick

FAVORITE BOOK: That was then, this is now

FAVORITE FILMS: Warriors Two & Being There

FAVORITE MARTIAL ARTISTS:

Master J Park, Master K H Rhee & Master T Khan

OTHER INTERESTS: Cinema, reading, 5-a-side, sports & ology

THIS YEARS QUOTE: "Do you do martial arts?"

- Mr A Plantelli (2nd degree) to Alfie Lewis, the founder of Freestyle Karate.



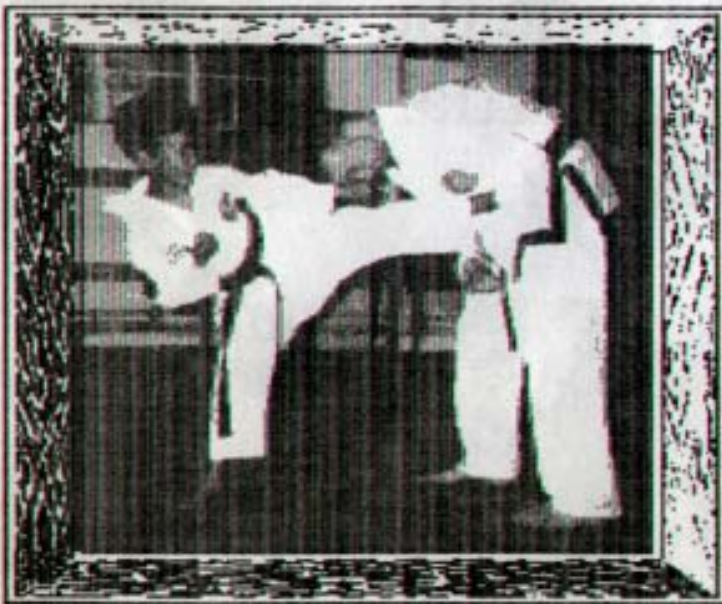
Wembley Taekwon-do 1996 Awards



**Student Of The Year 96'
: Randall Powell**

This is given to the coloured belt student who has, in my opinion, not only trained consistently throughout the year, but who has also supported the club and participated in B.U.T.F. events.

The individuals achievements during the year are also taken into account, along with how closely the student has been able to adhere to the Tenants of Taekwon-do.



**Best Attendance 96'
: Kyle Augustine**

This is awarded to the coloured belt student with the best attendance throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS FUN PAGE



FUN AWARDS FOR 1996

Best Timekeeper Award - John
 Biggest Poser Award - Gavin
 Best Groin Kicker Award - Vickrum
 Mr Choys 'Little Favorite' Award - Derrick
 Longest Time As A White Belt Award - Martin
 Worst Case Of Sweat Award - Randall
 Best Faked Injury Award - Zahad
 Best Looking Taekwon-do Stylist Award - Stuart
 "I'll Be There Next Lesson" Award - Shahad

Best Excuses Award - Donna
 Biggest Whinger Award - Kyle
 Best Control Award - Stewart
 Easiest Workouts Award - Dave
 Missing In Action Award - Harsad
 Missing In Action Award (runner up) - Bob
 Missing Without A Trace Award - Mick
 Missing Without A Trace Award (runner up) -
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Can you name these
famous martial
artists ?



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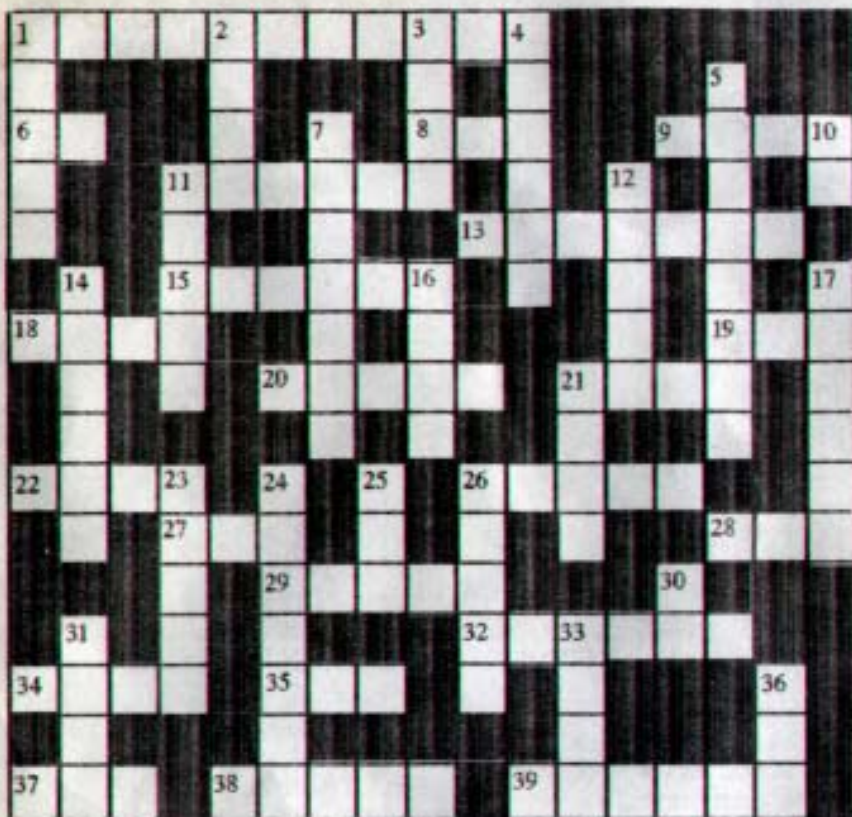
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Martial Arts Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 - A Force Of One ? (5,6)
- 6 - Inside ?
- 8 - Second word of 1st degree pattern ?
- 9 - Twin ?
- 11 - French martial art ?
- 13 - The 'Way of the Warrior' ?
- 15 - Twisting ?
- 18 - Four directional ?
- 19 - Closed ?
- 20 - Diagonal ?
- 21 - Championships, held about May ?
- 22 - The gentle art ?
- 26 - Taekwon-do gladiator ?
- 27 - Had fists of fury, surname ?
- 28 - Second word of blue belt pattern ?
- 29 - Silent assassin ?
- 32 - Fixed ?
- 34 - Sweep ?
- 35 - Belt, meaning danger ?
- 37 - Side ?
- 38 - Belt, in nine stages ?
- 39 - Punch ?

DOWN

- 1 - Animal used in Wing Chun ?
- 2 - Japanese for pattern ?
- 3 - Brought Taekwon-do to the U.K, surname ?
- 4 - Finger tips ?
- 5 - The muscles from brussels ?
- 7 - Japanese for 'One Who Serves', Warrior caste ?
- 10 - Dobok in Karate ?
- 11 - Instructor ?
- 12 - Beginners belt ?
- 14 - Legendary founder of Korea ?
- 16 - Right ?
- 17 - Way of the empty hand ?
- 21 - Ninja boots ?
- 23 - Upwards ?
- 24 - Rank of founder of Taekwon-do ?
- 25 - W (block) ?
- 26 - Korean term for kick ?
- 30 - Inner ?
- 31 - Karate dojang ?
- 33 - Kevin Brewertons nickname ?
- 36 - Internal energy, chinese ?

* First person to complete the crossword recieves a magnificent copy of 'Method In My Madness' by Easy A - good eh!!! - (well, what do you want for free !)



DERRICK CLARKE

AGE: 28
 GRADE: 1st Degree
 YEARS TRAINING: 5 years
 INSTRUCTORS: Mr David Bryan 5th degree & Mr John Pepper 2nd degree

LIKES: Food
 DISLIKES: Students with attitude :-)

FAVORITE ...

KICK: Reverse turning kick / Back kick
 PATTERN: Joong Gun
 DESTRUCTION: Flying side kick
 BOOK: Roots by Alex Hailey
 FILM: Independence Day
 MARTIAL ARTISTS:

Benny 'The Jet' Urquidez

OTHER INTERESTS: Soccer & eating Mums food

THIS YEARS QUOTE: If you put your mind to it & give 100% to what you are trying to achieve there is no reason why you shouldn't achieve your goal. There is nothing worse than a negative attitude, or giving up without really trying. It won't happen over night, but it will happen.

HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

British Championships 1995 - Silver
 English Championships 1994 - Silver
 B.I.K.M.A Kickboxing 1993 - Silver
 British Championships 1996 - Bronze
 British Championships 1994 - Bronze
 English Championships 1994 - Bronze (pat)
 Oxford Open 1994 - Bronze (Team)
 British Championships 1993 - Bronze
 English Championships 1993 - Bronze (pat)
 Welsh Championships 1993 - Bronze

Mr. J Pepper 2nd Degree

JOHNNIE O'CONNOR

AGE: 29
 GRADE: 2nd Degree
 YEARS TRAINING: 6½ years
 INSTRUCTORS: Mr David Bryan 5th degree & Mr John Pepper 2nd degree

LIKES: Hard training
 DISLIKES: Gavins designer clothes & Randalls farts.

FAVORITE ...

KICK: Hook kick / Turning kick combination & Jumping back kick
 PATTERN: Juche
 DESTRUCTION: Back kick
 BOOK: My Way Of Life by Gichin Funakoshi

FILM: The Crow & Best of the Best

MARTIAL ARTISTS: Hee Il Cho

OTHER INTERESTS: Social life i.e. drinking !!!! :-)

THIS YEARS QUOTE: To be a true black belt, always be aware of your position & behave with dignity.
 - Hee Il Cho

HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

English Championship 1994 - Silver
 Oxford Open 1994 - Bronze (Team)
 Welsh Championships 1992 - Bronze
 Club Record: Breaking 15 tiles with naeryo jirugi & breaking 200 boards in less than 15 minutes for charity.



STUART ANSLOW

AGE: 25
 GRADE: 2nd Degree
 YEARS TRAINING: 5½ years
 INSTRUCTORS: Mr David Bryan 5th degree & Mr John Pepper 2nd degree

LIKES: Keeping it real.
 DISLIKES: Those who can't

FAVORITE ...

KICK: Reverse turning & Jump back kick
 PATTERN: Juche
 DESTRUCTION: Jumping turning kick
 BOOK: My Way Of Life by Gichin Funakoshi

FILM: Some Kind Of Wonderful, Best Of The Best, Magnificent Seven & Tombstone

MARTIAL ARTISTS: Gichen Funakoshi, Sensi Enoda, Hee Il Cho, & Terry O'Neil
 OTHER INTERESTS: Music and computers

THIS YEARS QUOTE: If someone asked me what a human being ought to devote the maximum of his time to, I would answer, "Training." Train more than you sleep.
 - Masutatsu Oyama

HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

English Championship 1996 - Gold(dest)
 English Championship 1995 - Gold
 W.U.M.A. Team Sparring 1994 - Gold
 B.I.K.M.A. Kickboxing 1993 - Gold
 English Championship 1992 - Gold
 British Championship 1996 - Silver
 British Championship 1993 - Silver
 British Championship 1992 - Silver
 English Championship 1996 - Bronze
 British Championship 1994 - Bronze
 English Championship 1994 - Bronze
 English Championship 1994 - Bronze (pat)
 Oxford Open 1994 - Bronze (Individuals)
 Oxford Open 1994 - Bronze (Team)
 Scottish Championship 1993 - Bronze
 Welsh Championship 1992 - Bronze (pat)

"We, the ronin serving Asano Takumi no Kami, this night will break into the mansion of Kira Kotzuke no Suke to avenge our master. Please be assured that we are neither robbers nor ruffians and no harm will befall the neighbouring property."



- Placard the 47 ronin posted the night they avenged the death of their lord.

The Forty-Seven Ronin Of Ako

This is a true story from Japan which illustrates the ideal of warrior honour. It is a classic example of how obligation, loyalty, revenge and suicide form into the Japanese cultural interpretation of warrior honour. The story involves a chain of events that begun in Edo (now Tokyo) during the Tokugawa Shogunate. The year was 1701, a hundred years after the Tokugawa Ieyasu had unified the country under his sword. His descendant, Tokugawa Tsunayoshi, now ruled the islands and ensured loyalty of the daimyo (warlords) by the institution of sankin kotai, or "alternate attendance." This law required all daimyo to maintain residences for their families in Edo and to spend every other year in the feudal capitol themselves. That way, the weak and paranoid bakufu administrators could ensure loyalty of the still rugged, rural daimyo by holding their families hostage.

Asano Takumi no Kami was one such daimyo. Lord of the rural province of Ako, Asano was still a warrior in the truest sense. Unfortunately, he was young and impetuous, and his crude, martial manner didn't set well with the genteel sycophants who cluttered the shogun's court. When one of them insulted him, Asano drew his sword and attacked.

Asano only managed to wound his enemy, Kira Kotzuke no Suke, but it was enough to cost him his life, for drawing a sword at court was a capital offence. For his lack of restraint, the shogun ordered Lord Asano to commit seppuka, ritual disembowelment. Asano was an obedient lord, and he ended his life later that day.

This suddenly left Asano's retainers, the samurai of Ako, with two problems. First, they were without their master and unemployed. This was a bad situation, for under Tokugawa rule Japan had been at peace almost a hundred years, and ronin (masterless samurai) had little chance of finding work. But more seriously, since their master had been condemned for breaking the shogun's law, all his retainers were honour-bound to follow him in seppuka. Most of them were ready to do this, for they were men of honour. But when they learned of how their lord had been duped into his fate by his enemy, Lord Kira, they knew they couldn't end their lives before taking care of business.

All samurai were trained under the Confucian principle, "a man should not live under the same heaven with the murderer of his leader, lord or father." Of course, seppuka would have taken them out from under the same heaven as Kira, but the ronin of Ako saw their giri (obligation or debt) in this situation as something more than merely to join their master in death. They concluded they had a solemn duty to avenge the death of their lord.

This would be no easy mission. All of Edo suspected the ronin would attempt some sort of attack, and Kira was under the shogun's protection. The bakufu had spies everywhere. Kira, a rich man with powerful friends, had a large security force as well. So meeting in secret, the men of Ako decided to play out a ruse until they convinced the eyes and ears of Edo they weren't a threat and attention on them tapered off.

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The Forty-Seven Faithful Ronin continued -

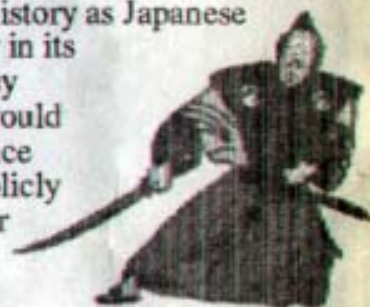
For the next two years, the 47 ronin of Ako went their separate ways. To the loathing amazement of Edo society, the men didn't attempt any revenge or even honour their fallen master in seppuka. They walked in disgrace, many taking up various non-warrior occupations. Some even left their families and became womanizers and drunks. In the eyes of the shogun, the other samurai, and even the commoners of Edo, these men had no honour and no face.

It was all an act.

By 1703 attention had shifted away from the degenerate ronin from Ako. So late one December night, the 47 faithful gathered one last time, then departed in a snowstorm for Kira's mansion.

They caught the compound completely unprepared. In a surprise assault followed by a short skirmish, they killed Lord Kira and everyone in his household. Then, they took Kira's head, washed it in a nearby well, and placed it as an offering on Lord Asano's grave.

That morning the 47 faithful ronin of Ako surrendered to bakufu authorities. Following fretful discussions with his councillors, the shogun sentenced them to death but ruled that they would be permitted to perform seppuka and die as warriors rather than face execution as common criminals. Within days all 47 joined their lord and entered the annals of history as Japanese national heroes. The story of the 47 ronin shows warrior (martial) honour in its purest form. They saw through the fog of law and recognised justice. They courageously fulfilled their obligations, knowing full well their actions would lead to their own destruction and they bore no illusions about the difference between honour and face (reputation within one's community). They publicly humiliated themselves for two years to fulfil their giri (obligation) to their master.



The Story Of Dan Gun (2333 B.C.)

Dan Gun was the father of Korea, and founded the kingdom of Korea in 2333 B.C.

Legend has it that Hwan Ung, came down from heaven to rule the universe. At that time a tiger and a bear, who lived in a cave, begged Hwan Ung to change them into humans.

The tiger couldn't comply with the commandments of Hwan Ung, so he lost his chance to become human. However, the bear could, became a woman, and prayed under an altar to become pregnant.

Hwan Ung was moved by her plea, changed himself into a man, and married her. They had a son, Dan Gun, the father of Korea.

The birth of Dan Gun, and the story of the founding of Korea, belong to the myths, but after the Silla unification, especially in the era of the Lee Dynasty, the myth became respected by all.

The Koryo dynasty viewed Dan Gun as the sole founder of the Korean kingdom and used this legend to show Korean superiority to the Mongolian tribes. There was considerable antagonism towards the Mongolian tribes because in the past they had invaded and conquered Korea several times.

The myth of Dan Gun played a very important role in protecting the Korean kingdom from invasion by maintaining the Korean culture for several thousand years, through the succession of the Silla, Koryo and Lee dynasties.

Nowadays, October 3rd is celebrated as a national holiday in Korea, to commemorate the founding father, Dan Gun.



MAKE A NOTE : BACK TRAINING ON 7TH JANUARY

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